

Hunting & Fishing License Fees

General License Information

A **resident** is a person who has been a domiciled resident of South Carolina for 30 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a license. Proof of residency is required when purchasing a license. Such proof shall be either a valid state driver's license or other form of identification which would furnish reasonable proof of residency. **Nonresidents** or persons unable to prove residency must purchase nonresident licenses. **Full-time students and military personnel stationed in S.C.** are eligible for resident hunting/fishing licenses, permits and tags.

Military personnel who are residents of South Carolina stationed outside of the state, and home on leave, shall upon presentation of official furlough or leave papers, be allowed to fish or hunt without purchasing a fishing or hunting license or saltwater fishing license. A resident WMA permit, resident big game permit, migratory bird permit (HIP) and state and federal duck stamp must be purchased when applicable.

Where to buy licenses and permits -

- 1,000 license sales agents statewide, (many local sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops, major retailers and DNR offices)
- Telephone 1-888-434-7472
- Internet www.dnr.state.sc.us
- Special permits and tags are available through the Columbia office only. For more information call (803) 734-3833.
- Doe tags may be picked up at the Florence, Clemson, Charleston and Columbia DNR offices.

Social Security Number - The SCDNR is required to collect social security numbers from all persons obtaining a hunting, fishing or other recreational or commercial license under section 20-7-949 and 42 U.S. Code 666(a)(13). Your social security number will serve as your principle identification number to determine your eligibility for licenses. It will be provided to law enforcement agencies and the SC Child Support Enforcement of DSS Unit to establish, modify and enforce child support obligations.

License in Possession - All licenses, permits, tags and/or stamps must be in possession while engaging in activities for which documents were issued. Identification indicating name and address must also be in possession. Persons hunting on their own lands are also required to have all applicable licenses, permits or stamps in their possession.

Hunting is defined as trying to find, seek, obtain, pursue, or diligently search for game.

A fishing license is not required when fishing in a privately owned pond. A state fishing license is required when fishing in commercial pay ponds, unless the pond is permitted by DNR.

Borrowing, lending, exchanging, altering or purchasing by fraud DNR licenses, permits, stamps or tags is unlawful and suspends hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

License Fees for South Carolina Residents

Licenses are effective July 1 through June 30 of the following year unless otherwise specified.

Fishing & Hunting Combinations

Combination Hunting and Freshwater Fishing and Big Game License	\$25
Sportsman's License (Includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing)	\$50
Junior Sportsman's License (For residents age 16-17, includes WMA, big game, hunting & freshwater fishing)	\$16
Senior License (for residences age 64 or older- see page 55)	\$9

Fishing

Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters when using manufactured equipment and/or artificial bait. Also required on all SCDNR managed and WMA lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.)	\$10
14-Day Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the State Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 14 consecutive days only.)	\$5
Lakes and Reservoirs Permit (valid when using cane pole and natural bait in the following areas only) Lakes Marion, Moultrie, Murray, Greenwood, Wylie, Fishing Creek, Wateree, Thurmond, Stevens Creek, Hartwell, Richard B. Russell, Jocassee, Keowee, Ashwood and Parr Reservoir, Monticello Reservoir and Monticello Sub-Impoundment.	\$3
Annual Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats).	\$10
14-Day Resident Saltwater Fishing License	\$5
Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait during set season)	\$25

Note: See page 20 for shad and herring licenses. See page 27 for shrimp baiting license application.

Hunting

State Hunting License* (Small game only)	\$12
County Hunting License* (Good only in county of residence)	\$5
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear)	\$6
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands. Not required for fishing)	\$30.50
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide). (Not required on either-sex days) (See page 29 for details)	\$5
Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys)	FREE
Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds)	FREE
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp)	\$5.50
Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.)	\$25

* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to these licenses to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

** A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag	\$5 ea.
Trotline Tag	\$2.50 ea.
Eel Pot Tag	\$5 ea.
Gill Net Tag	\$5 ea.
Hoop Net Tag	\$10 ea.
Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee)	\$5
Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee)	\$5
Commercial Fishing License	\$50
Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.)	\$1 ea.

See page 20-22 for a complete description of Nongame Devices and regulations. Shad and herring license information is on page 20.

Lifetime Licenses

Freshwater Fishing	\$300
Hunting (Small Game Only)	\$300
Combination (Under 2 yrs of age) ..	\$300
Combination (2 to 15 yrs. of age) ..	\$400
Combination (16 to 63 yrs. of age) ..	\$500
Senior License (Age 64 or older)	\$9

See Page 55 for privileges and application.



Duplicate Licenses are available for \$3 at Columbia, Florence, Clemson, and Charleston DNR offices. Applications are available from any license sales agents. Duplicates will not be issued for duck stamps.

Suspended Licenses - Persons whose privileges are suspended are not eligible to apply, hold, or use DNR license, permits, stamps or tags.

Lifetime Licenses are available to South Carolina residents only. A person must be a domiciled resident of South Carolina for a period of 180 consecutive days or more immediately prior to the date of his application for licenses. A copy of a South Carolina driver's license or reasonable proof of residency must accompany application (See page 55 for an application). Non-resident lifetime licenses are not available. All lifetime licenses remain valid if the holder moves out of state.

Gratis Over 65 License of SC - Any person who has been a domiciled resident for at least six months and is age 65 or older may obtain a free license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. (See page 55 for application.) A Federal Duck Stamp is required for waterfowl hunting and can be purchased at a U.S. Post Office or from the DNR offices in Columbia and Charleston. A free migratory bird (HIP) permit is required for hunting migratory birds (doves, duck, geese).

Disability License - Any person who has been a domiciled resident of SC for at least one year and who is certified to be totally disabled by Social Security Administration, SC State Retirement System, US Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Federal Civil Service, Railroad Retirement Board or Medicaid Assistance, may obtain a license valid for hunting, fishing, big game, wildlife management areas, state duck stamp and saltwater fishing. The license is valid for three (3) years and disability recertification is required for renewal. (See page 55 for application.) A HIP permit is required for hunting migratory birds.

Shrimp Baiting Licenses, Turkey Tags, Non-game Fishing Permit and Tags are required for all age groups participating in these activities.

A **Commercial Fur Harvest License** and a State Hunting License is required, regardless of age, to trap or to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.

Youth Requirements - No child under 16 years of age is required to procure a hunting or fishing license unless that child engages in the taking of game or fish for commercial purposes or possesses any nongame fish devices. Permits or tags are required, however, for shrimp baiting, turkey hunting, antlerless deer and nongame fishing devices for all age groups participating in these activities.

Hunter Education Requirements - All residents and nonresidents born after June 30, 1979 must successfully complete a SCDNR approved hunter education course before a hunting license can be obtained.

A hunter education card alone is not a valid hunting license. For more information on hunter education, call (803) 734-3995 or 1-800-277-4301.

Bird Dog Training License - Persons in the

License Fees for Nonresidents Hunting

Annual Hunting License* (Small game only)	\$125
10-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 10 consecutive days only.) (Small game only)	\$75
3-Day Hunting License* (Valid for 3 consecutive days only.) (Small game only)	\$40
Big Game Permit** (Required for deer, turkey and bear)	\$100
Wildlife Management Area Permit** (Required to hunt on all WMA lands.)	\$76
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags** (Valid for use on buck only hunts statewide.)	

(Not required on either-sex days) (See page 29 for details.) \$5

Turkey Tags** (Required of all ages to hunt wild turkeys.) FREE

Migratory Bird Permit** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt migratory birds) FREE

State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp** (Required of persons 16 & older to hunt all migratory waterfowl. Must be signed across face of stamp.) \$5.50

Shooting Preserve Permit \$8.50

Commercial Fur Harvest License** (Required for trapping or hunting furbearers for sale or trade. Also required to possess 6 or more furbearers or their furs.) \$200

* A Big Game Permit is required in addition to a hunting license to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

** A valid SC hunting license and other applicable licenses, permits, tags or stamps are required in addition to these items.

Fishing

Annual Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Required for all public fresh waters.

Also required on all SCDNR managed lakes and with all nongame fishing devices.) . . \$35

7-Day Non-Resident Freshwater Fishing License (Same privileges and requirements as the Annual Freshwater Fishing License. Valid for 7 consecutive days only.) \$11

Annual Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License (Required to harvest oysters or clams or to fish for marine finfish from privately owned boats.) \$35

14-day Non-Resident Saltwater Fishing License \$11

Shrimp Baiting License (Required to take shrimp by cast net over bait.) \$500

Nongame Fishing (Freshwater Only)

Trap Tag \$50 ea.

Trotline Tag \$50 ea.

Eel Pot Tag \$50 ea.

Gill Net Tag \$50 ea.

Hoop Net Tag \$50 ea.

Set Hook Permit (3-50 hooks, 1 per licensee) \$50

Jug Permit (3-50 jugs, 1 per licensee) . . \$50

Commercial Fishing License \$1,000

Replacement Tag or Permit (An affidavit must be submitted listing lost or destroyed tag number.) \$1 ea.

See pages 20-22 for a complete description of Nongame Devices, Areas and Limits.

business of training bird dogs in return for money, goods, or services may obtain a Bird Dog Trainer's License entitling them to certain privileges. The license costs \$50 and is renewable annually. For information contact DNR Small Game Project, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202, 803-734-3609.

Commercial Quail Breeder's License - This license is required for anyone engaging in the propagation of pen-raised quail for commercial purposes. The license fee is \$5 annually and licenses are valid from July 1 through June 30. For information contact License Division, PO Box 11710, Columbia, SC 29211, 803-734-3833.

Georgia & South Carolina Reciprocal License Agreement - All channels of the Savannah River, from its mouth to the confluence of the Tugaloo and the Seneca rivers; and the Chattooga River to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina are included in an agreement between Georgia and South Carolina to use valid freshwater sportfishing licenses and permits that have been issued by either state.

This agreement also applies to the following

impoundments: Thurmond, Russell, Hartwell, Yonah, Tugaloo, Stevens Creek, and the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, but not to any tributary streams to those impoundments nor tributary streams to the Savannah, Tugaloo and Chattooga rivers.

All persons holding a valid license from Georgia or South Carolina will be allowed to fish on the banks and in the waters covered by this agreement.

NOTE: A 12-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass applies in Georgia waters of the Savannah River and associated reservoirs.

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Free Fishing Days
June 10 & 11, 2006